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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: PRESENTATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS TO CEMEF

1. FIRST PACKAGE OF LIBRARY MATERIALS ON NARCOTICS PROBLEMS AND ABUSE WAS PRESENTED BY DCM ROBERT DEAN TO MEXICAN CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENCY RESEARCH (CEMEF) IN JULY 30 CEREMONY AT 'CEMEF' HEADQUARTERS. THESE MATERIALS ARE PART OF \$5000 PACKAGE FUNDED BY USG.

2. IN HIS PRESENTATION REMARKS, MINISTER DEAN POINTED OUT THAT SCOURGE OF DRUG ABUSE IS NO RESPECTER OF INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES AND THAT RESEARCH AND TECHNIQUES DEVELOPED IN ANY COUNTRY MUST RAPIDLY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO TECHNICAL AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL ELSEWHERE IN ORDER TO DEVELOP EFFICACIOUS MEANS FOR TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION.

2. IN HIS RESPONDING REMARKS, 'CEMEF' DIRECTOR, DR. GUIDO BELSASSO, RECOGNIZED "GRAVE THREAT TO PUBLIC WELL BEING POSED BY DRUG DEPENDENCY". AFTER TRACING HISTORY OF EARLY MEXICAN ACTION (E.G. SIGNATURE ON HAGUE CONVENTION OF 1912), BELSASSO STATED THAT "FIRST MEXICAN COLLABORATION WITH US WAS MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO COOPERATE IN PROSECUTION OF ILLEGAL PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS WHO SOUGHT TO PEDDLE THEIR LETHAL MERCHANDISE IN US, WHICH IS RECOGNIZED AS MOST IMPORTANT MARKET IN THE WORLD...THE NEED FOR COLLA-  
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BORATION SOON GAVE RISE TO A SECOND INTEREST IN THE FIELD

OF PUBLIC HEALTH WHEN EPIDEMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF  
PROBLEM AND EFFECT OF CONTAMINATION TOWARDS OUR COUNTRY  
WERE RECOGNIZED". BELSASSO STATED THAT ALTHOUGH JOINT  
ACTION HAS MET WITH CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS, IT IS  
STILL INSUFFICIENT.

3. DURING COURSE OF CEREMONY, 'CEMEF' PRESENTED TO EMBASSY  
A COLLECTION OF MEXICAN PUBLICATIONS. MOST OF THESE ARE REPIRNTS  
OF CLASSICAL 16TH AND 17TH CENTURY WORKS OF HISTORICAL AND  
BOTANICAL INTEREST. 'CEMEF' HAS NOT SPECIFIED FINAL  
RECIPIENT OF THIS MATERIAL. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT IT BE  
MADE PART OF 'SAODAP' LIBRARY OR, IF SUCH DOES NOT EXIST,  
POSSIBLY ADDED TO NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. PRESENTATION CEREMONY WIDELY AND FAVORABLY REPORTED  
IN JULY 31 PRESS. NO EDITORIALS.  
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